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OF THE

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Saturday, October 2, 1824.

THE Ministers and Lay Delegates were received at *Troy*, by the Rev. JOHN R. GOODMAN, Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at *Brunswick*, Rensselaer County, New-York, and proceeded to their respective places within the bounds of the Congregation.

Sunday, October 3, 1824.

In compliance with Resolution XXVI. of the twenty-eighth Synod, the members of the Synod met, this day, at the Church in Brunswick.

A very numerous Congregation joined in the solemnities of public worship, which were commenced at 11 A. M. in the English Language. The Rev. PRESIDENT, F. H. QUITMAN, D. D. of *Rhinebeck*, pronounced a German Discourse on Acts 10. 34, 35. *Petrus aber that seinen Mund auf, und sprach: Nun erfahre ich mit der Wahrheit, dass Gott die Person nicht ansiehet; Sondern in allerlei Volk, wer ihn fürchtet und recht thut, der ist ihm angenehm.*—"Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him."

The Pastor of the place, Rev. JOHN R. GOODMAN, and the Rev. A. WACKERHAGEN, of *Clermont*, aided in conducting the Service.

It was expected that the Rev. Dr. C. ENDRESS, of *Lancaster*, Pa. President of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, and Delegate from that Body, would arrive in time to officiate at 1 P. M. In consequence of his absence, the Rev. A. WACKERHAGEN, of *Clermont*, was appointed to preach the first afternoon sermon. In conducting the public worship, he was assisted by the SECRETARY, and by the Rev. G. A. LINTNER.

The text was taken from John 3. 34 :—*For he whom God hath sent, speaketh the words of God.*

At 5 P. M. the Synod and Congregation again attended in Church. The Rev. H. N. POHLMAN, of *New Germantown*, N. J. the Rev. A. CROWNCE, of *Sharon*, a Licensed Candidate, and applicant for full Ordination; and Mr. JOHN P. GEORTNER, of *Canajoharie*, and recently of *New-York*, nominated as a Candidate for the Ministry, assisted in the solemnities of the Sanctuary. Mr. JACOB SENDERLING, of *Philadelphia*, late of *Hartwick Seminary*, also nominated as a Candidate, preached a sermon on Matth. 25. 46 :—*And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.*

Monday, October 4, 1824.

The Members of the Synod met in the Church, at 9 A. M. By request of the Reverend PRESIDENT, the Rev. F. C. SCHAEFFER, SECRETARY of the Ministerium, opened the Session with prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

1. Rev. F. H. QUITMAN, D. D. President of the Ministerium; Pastor of the Ev. Luth. Churches at *Rhinebeck* and *Wirtemberg*, Dutchess County, New-York.
2. — F. C. SCHAEFFER, Secretary of the Ministerium; Pastor of the Ev. Luth. Church in the City of *New-York*, officiating in the *English* Language, at St. Matthews.

3. Rev. G. A. LINTNER, Treasurer of the Ministerium; Pastor of the Ev. Luth. Churches at *Schoharie* and *Cobleskill*, Schoharie County, N. York.
4. — F. J. G. UHL, Pastor, &c. *Churchtown*, Columbia County, N. York.
5. — P. F. MAYER, D. D. St. John's Church, *Philadelphia*.
6. — A. WACKERHAGEN, *Germantown*, and *Livingston*, Columbia County, N. York.
7. — F. G. MAYER, *Albany*.
8. — F. W. GEISSENHAINER, Pastor, &c. officiating in the *German* Language at Christ Church, *New-York*.
9. — E. L. HAZELIUS, D. D. Principal of *Hartwick Seminary*, *Hartwick*, Otsego County, N. York.
10. — P. W. DOMEIER, *Stone Arabia*, and *Johnstown*, Montgomery County, N. York.
11. — L. MERKEL, *Guilderland* and *Bern*, Albany Co. N. York.
12. — D. HENDRICKS, *Saddleriver* and *Ramapough*, Bergen County, N. Jersey.
13. — JOHN R. GOODMAN, *Brunswick*, *Sandlake*, and *Schaghticoke*, Rensselaer County, N. York.
14. — GEORGE B. MILLER, *Canajoharie*, Montgomery County, N. York.
15. — HENRY N. POHLMAN, *New Germantown*, *German Valley* and *Sprucerun*, N. Jersey.

CANDIDATES.

16. — F. H. GUENTHER, *Columbia*, *Warren* and *Danube*, Herkimer County, New-York.
17. — ADAM CROWNCE, *Sharon* and *Durlach*, Schoharie County, N. York.

LAY DELEGATES.

18. Mr. PHILIP N. BONESTEEL, representing the Congregation at *Rhinebeck* and *Wirtemberg*.
19. — JOSEPH HOXIE, *St. Matthews*, *New-York*.
20. — NICHOLAS RUSSEL, *Schoharie* and *Cobleskill*,

21. Mr. PETER SCHMIDT, *Churchtown, Columbia County.*
22. — HENRY MERCK, *Germantown and Livingston, Columbia County.*
23. — LAWRENCE HALLENBECK, *Albany.*
24. — JOHN GOOD, *Christ Church, New-York.*
25. — JOSEPH WETZEL, *Guilderland and Bern.*
26. — GEORGE FAKE, *Brunswick, Sandlake and Schaghticoke.*
27. — H. F. COX, *Canajoharie.*
28. — FREDERICK HONNELL, *New Germantown, German-Valley and Sprucerun.*
29. — JACOB KNAUTZ, *Columbia, Warren and Danube.*
30. — JOHN STERNBERG, *Sharon and Durlach.*

COMMISSIONERS.

31. — JOHN I. MORRISON, *Summit, Schoharie County.*
32. — BALTIS SIMMONS, *Davenport, Delaware County.*

MINISTERIAL DELEGATE,

From the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania,

33. REV. CHRISTIAN ENDRESS, D. D. Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at *Lancaster, Pa.* and President of the *Ev. Luth. Synod of Pennsylvania*, who was introduced by the Rev. PRESIDENT, and took his seat as a Member of the Ministerium and Synod, at this Session, according to the provision of Section 4, Chap. ix. of the Constitution.

ABSENT MINISTERS.

1. Rev. H. MOELLER, residing near *Hartwick.*
2. — JOHN BACHMAN, *Charleston, S. C.*
3. — WILLIAM STARMAN, *Waldoborough, Me.*

NO LAY DELEGATES APPEARED FROM

4. *St. John's, Philadelphia.*
5. *Hartwick.*
6. *Charleston, S. C.*
7. *Stone Arabia and Johnstown.*
8. *Waldoborough, Me.*
9. *Saddle River and Ramapough.*

The Delegates exhibited the requisite certificates of their appointment.

The Minutes of the last Synod were read;

On motion of Rev. G. A. LINTNER, seconded by Rev. F. G. MAYER, it was

I. *Resolved*, That the Minutes be approved.

The Reverend PRESIDENT *stated*, that during the recess, nothing had occurred of such a nature as to require any special communication at this time.

Sundry *Letters, Reports* and other *Communications* were then received; and the Synod proceeded to consider and dispose of the various "articles of business," in such order as the Minutes of the last Session, and the nature of the respective subjects seemed to demand.

Subjects coming within the purview of the Ministerium were announced, and referred to that body.

The Reverend PRESIDENT *informed*, that the Rev. H. MOELLER had requested him to state to the Synod, that on account of bodily infirmity, he would be unable to attend the Session.

The Rev. F. W. GEISSENHAINER *informed* the Synod, that the Rev. W. STARMAN, of *Waldoborough, Me.* had by letter requested to be excused, on account of the great distance, which rendered it impossible for him to attend every successive Session of the Synod.

No communication was received from the Rev. I. BACHMAN, of Charleston, S. C.*

On motion of the SECRETARY, seconded by the Rev. A. WACKERHAGEN, it was

II. *Resolved*, That our absent brethren, Rev. Messrs. MOELLER and STARMAN be *excused*.

The Reverend President ENDRESS *laid on the table*, for distribution among the members, twenty printed copies of the latest Minutes of the Synod over which he presides. And

* Since the adjournment of the Synod, a letter has been received from the Rev. Mr. Bachman, apologizing for his non-attendance. He had intended to be present, but was prevented by circumstances, and, the letter which he wrote to the Secretary, as soon as he found that he would be unable to attend the Session, did not arrive in time to be communicated to the Synod.

he apologized to the Synod for the non-attendance of the Delegate who had been appointed by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, to meet this Synod at the Session in 1823. Sickness had prevented him from attending.

The Rev. Dr. P. F. MAYER *reported*, in writing, that he had attended to the duty prescribed to him as Commissioner, by the 5th Resolution* of last year, but that he had not been able to obtain any portion of the legacy therein referred to, and has no hope of receiving any in the time to come. Dr. MAYER *farther reported*, that Messrs. G. and D. Billmeyer, of Philadelphia, had acceded to the propositions made to them in the 7th and 8th Resolutions,† and had published a miniature edition of the Hymns and Liturgy, at the prices agreed upon by the Synod.

On motion of the Rev. F. G. MAYER, seconded by the Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS, the Synod

III. *Resolved*, That the Rev. Dr. MAYER's report on German Legacies, and on Hymn Books, be accepted.

The Reverend PRESIDENT *reported* verbally, that in compliance with the 6th Resolution‡ of last Synod, he had written to the Directors of the Orphan House at Halle, in Germany, requesting information concerning the true intents and purposes of certain legacies, the proceeds of which are annually appropriated by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, to which funds this Ministerium is supposed to have an equal claim; but that as yet, he had received no answer.

President ENDRESS *made some remarks* on this subject, which has been frequently brought before the Synod. He stated,

That the person at Philadelphia who had hitherto paid over a certain amount to the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, at the annual Sessions, as the proceeds of certain *German Legacies*, had never communicated any particulars relative to the extent and real condition or object of those legacies. So much is known, however, that the funds created or set apart

* Printed Minutes, 1823, p. 10.

† P. 11.

‡ P. 10.

by certain legacies are, in some measure, under the control or supervision of the Directors of the Orphan House at Halle,—that application had been made to them for satisfactory information concerning this matter, but without effect,—that at every annual Session of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, some small sums were given to the destitute widows of Lutheran Clergymen, and that a dividend was also made among all the members of the Ministerium who were present at the close of the Session,—that other Lutheran Synods or Churches are supposed to have some claim to the benefits of those legacies,—that it was a difficult matter to ascertain the true nature of these claims, &c. &c. Dr. ENDRESS concluded by saying: *we have been in the dark; we have received money, without knowing whence it came.*

The Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS gave notice, that he intended to move for the appointment of a Committee to inquire into the expediency of adopting a plan to make provision for the relief of such aged and infirm ministers and widows of clergymen as may be destitute.

The *Report* of the COMMITTEE on the purchase of books for the Hartwick Library, acting under Resolution XIII.* of the last Synod, was called up, and *read* by the Rev. F. W. GEISSENHAINER, Chairman.

From the Report it appears, that of the Synodical appropriation of 200 dollars, 174 dollars and 11 cents had been expended in the purchase and transmission of the following works:

Koppe Nov. Test. græce perpetua annotatione illustratum, 9 vols.

Whitby on the Five Points.

Zollikoffer's Sermons on Education, 2 vols.

————— Dignity of Man, 2 vols..

Cogan on the Passions.

Murray's Power of Religion.

Wakefield's New Testament.

Marsh's Lectures.
 Sturms' Reflections.
 Gerard's Institutes.
 Paxton's Illustrations, 2 vols.
 John Clark's Sermons to Young Men.
 Mason on Self-Knowledge.
 Lowth's Lectures.
 Viller's Reformation.
 Warden's Revealed Religion, 2 vols.
 Jahn's Archaeology.
 Prideaux's Connections, 4 vols.
 Jones' History of the Waldenses, 2 vols.
 James Foster's Sermons, 4 vols.
 Hoadley on Acceptance.
 Evans' Sketch.
 Leland's Deistical Writers, 2 vols.
 Michaelis' Com. on the Law of Moses, 4 vols.
 Buckminster's Sermons.
 Adams' Dictionary of Religion.
 Clark's Fleury.
 Tillotson's Works, 3 vols.
 Campbell's Lectures, 2 vols.
 Zollikoffer's Sermons on Feasts and Fasts, 2 vols.
 ————— on the Evils of the World, 2 vols.
 ————— Errors and Vices, 2 vols.
 Newcome's Observations on our Lord's Conduct.
 Foster's Discourses.
 Lock on the Epistles.
 Fordyce's Addresses to Young Men, 2 vols.
 Reinhard's System der Moral, 5 vols.
 Jahnii Archaeologia Biblica.
 S. Clarke's Sermons, 7 vols.

In addition to the foregoing, the CHAIRMAN *stated*, that other works were ordered, but had not yet arrived, nor could the exact cost be known at present.

It was thereupon *moved* by the Rev. JOHN R. GOODMAN, seconded by the Rev. G. A. LINTNER,

That the Report of the Committee on the purchase of books for the Hartwick Library be accepted, and that the Committee be continued, and make a proper disposition of the balance remaining subject to their order.

With the consent of the movers, this Resolution was *laid on the table*, in order that it might be acted upon after the reception of the Treasurer's Report.

The Rev. Messrs. F. G. MAYER and A. WACKERHAGEN, communicated a "copy of a vote of thanks from the Trustees of Hartwick Seminary," for the valuable addition which the Synod had made to the Theological Library of that Institution.

The Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS, PRINCIPAL of Hartwick Seminary, reported, that the Rev. Dr. MAYER had procured a copy of the Hebrew Bible for the use of the Theological Students in the Seminary.

The Report of the Committee on Vacant Congregations and Missionary Concerns, being called up as next in order, was read by their Chairman, F. C. SCHAEFFER, and is as follows:

"The Committee on Vacant Congregations and Missionary Concerns,

REPORT,

That they have endeavored, as far as practicable, during the recess of the Ministerium, to comply with the instructions of the Synod, which are set forth in Resolution XVI. and XVII. of the last Session.*

*XV. Resolved, 1. That a Committee of five members, namely, three Ministers and two Lay Delegates, be appointed annually, who shall be styled, *the Committee on Vacant Congregations and Missionary Concerns*.

XVI. Resolved, 2. That it shall be the duty of the Committee on Vacant Congregations and Missionary Concerns,

1. To endeavor to ascertain the number, inquire into the local condition, and examine the religious interests of *Vacant Congregations*, within the bounds of this Synod. They shall inform themselves, whether any of the vacant Churches did, at any former period of time, enjoy the advantages of a stated ministry; and they shall view the relative situation and particular circumstances of vacant Congregations, for the purpose of determining, whether in case of their individual inability, several of these destitute Churches may not be associated, so that they may be enabled, by their united endeavors, to support a Pastor among them.

§ 2. A statement of the views of the Synod, and of the duties and powers of the Committee was given in the proper places, and efforts were made to collect such information as might have a bearing upon the general subject confided to the Committee. They soon discovered that the field which they entered was more extensive, and that the work in which they engaged was more difficult, than even those who formed the original plan of operation could have anticipated. This, however, was a new stimulus unto persevering exertion. And some measures have been devised, and in a great degree carried into effect, which encouraged the Committee to prosecute their labors with confidence of success.

§ 3. Every proposition that was made by the Chairman to the other members of the Committee, was accompanied by all the data which, in his official capacity, he was enabled to furnish. And after a free interchange of information and opinion, personally or by letter, the requisite appointments, orders, and appropriations were duly made.

§ 4. As a minute detail of the Committee's transactions, the Synod is referred to the documents which are herewith presented as a part of this Report; and, for the sake of greater convenience to those who may be disposed to examine these papers, they are classified in the following manner:

1. Chairman's Correspondence with members of the Committee and others, on subjects within the purview of the Committee, embracing the grounds of the Committee's decisions.

2. The said Committee shall also determine upon the places and districts to be assigned to *Missionaries* of the Evangelical Lutheran Church; and specify the requisite labors and pecuniary compensation: and the Committee, in their official and collective capacity, shall devise and endeavor to carry into effect, such measures as may be best calculated to promote the extension of our Church and the edification of the people.

3. This Committee shall attend to these matters, as far as practicable, during the recess of the Ministerium, and report at the annual meeting of the Synod.

XVII. *Resolved*, 3. That all applications from vacant Congregations, and that all Missionary concerns, be referred to the Committee, as appointed and instructed by *Resolutions* XV. and XVI.

XVIII. *Resolved*, 4. That the Committee on Vacant Congregations and Missionary Concerns have authority, through their Chairman, to draw on the Treasurer of the Ministerium, during the recess of the Synod, for such sums from the *Missionary Fund*, as they may deem requisite for the well ordering of the business confided to them.—P. 23, 24.

2. Copies of Instructions and Certificates to those who acted as Missionaries, or Visitors of Vacant Congregations.
3. Reports of Missionaries, and of those who visited Vacant Congregations.

§ 5. Sundry papers, involving important interests, are in possession of the Committee, which could not with propriety be brought before the Synod at this time, but which may be of essential service to the Committee on Vacant Congregations and Missionary Concerns, to be appointed at this Session for the ensuing year. Other documents of a like nature may be expected by that Committee.

§ 6. In some districts where the Lutheran Church had well nigh become extinct, it has received new life, and displays new vigor. In other places, particularly in some of the Western Settlements, where the influence of our Church had never been felt, new Congregations have been organized, and the foundation for more was laid. Still, however, it was impossible, during the past year, to procure sufficient help and co-operation for the supply of all the destitute Congregations; and, it is with regret that the Committee inform, that many pressing demands could not be answered by pastoral visits, or ministerial supplies.

§ 7. In Bergen and Essex Counties, New-Jersey, the Rev. F. C. SCHAEFFER, and Messrs. JOHN P. GEORTNER and CHARLES B. WESSELLS, Theological Students under his direction, have occasionally performed Missionary duties. Their relative engagements in the city of New-York, have prevented them from giving all the required attention in those parts of New-Jersey.

§ 8. The Rev. F. H. GUENTHER, of Danube, Herkimer County, whose time is chiefly occupied by the Congregations at Danube, Columbia and Warren, has been diligent as a Missionary in various parts of Herkimer and Otsego Counties, New-York. His reports have been very gratifying to the Committee, and through him, they have received encouraging information relative to several places that need the fostering care of the Church.

§ 9. In the course of the year, the Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS frequently visited the recently formed Congregations in Schoharie, Otsego and Delaware Counties, New-York. He baptized and confirmed a considerable number of persons, and administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

§ 10. The Rev. H. MOELLER, who, in consequence of old age and bodily infirmity, as is known to the Synod, has some time since relinquished his pastoral charge, and now resides near Hartwick, has nevertheless been enabled to officiate occasionally in the same Congregations, so that, by reason of such supplies, and the public instruction which the Theological Students of Hartwick Seminary have given from time to time, under the direction of the Principal, those Congregations have been edified and improved. If their contemplated application to the Ministerium of this Session should succeed, they will obtain a permanent and satisfactory pastoral provision.

§ 11. The Rev. L. MERKEL visited the Vacant Congregations in Seneca County, New-York, where he formerly resided. The same intelligence has been received from these, even as from many others: "they are extremely anxious to have a Lutheran minister—they rejoice in the prospect of obtaining one."

It was deemed adviseable to send a Missionary to that portion of our Church, who might be able to preach in the English and German Languages. Accordingly, Mr. HERMAN HAYUNGA, who is preparing for examination as a Candidate, proceeded to Seneca County; and we have evidence of the acceptableness and utility of his services.

§ 12. After a series of providential and most encouraging circumstances, a new Congregation has been collected at Cicero, Onondaga County. Mr. JACOB SENDERLING, Student at Hartwick, whose nomination as a Candidate has been made to the Reverend PRESIDENT, has contributed essentially toward the interests of our Church in that place and neighborhood; and the people have made an official expression of their desire that he might be successful in his examination, and become their regular Pastor.

§ 13. The Committee are happy to state, that during the late vacation of Hartwick Seminary, the Rev. Principal, Dr. HAZELIUS, undertook a Missionary tour, in company with JOHN D. LAWYER, Esq. of Schoharie, who is to be nominated to the Ministerium, at a future Session, as a Candidate. From the time that they left home, until their return, they travelled upwards of 400 miles. The Report of Dr. HAZELIUS is filed by the Committee as a most welcome and valuable document. The information thereby conveyed is truly important, and will enable the Committee on Vacant Congregations and Missionary Concerns, to speed the work committed to them.

§ 14. Dr. HAZELIUS, in passing through various towns of at least seven Counties, had opportunity of preaching, dispensing the sacraments, and imparting useful information to many dispersed members and families of our Church. In his ministrations he encouraged them to form Congregations, and to make exertions for the support of stated religious services among them.

§ 15. Here and there he found collections of Lutheran families, who, notwithstanding the overtures of religious denominations, differing, in some respects, from our own portion of the Christian community, still adhered to the faith and form of the First Protestant Church; and others were anxious to unite with them.

§ 16. It was ascertained that the direction given in our Constitution, c. ix. sect. 5. was, in some instances, strictly observed, and had a profitable tendency. The part of the Constitution alluded to, is in the following words: "Small Congregations, unable to support a Minister, shall be directed and encouraged to appoint some member of the same, of suitable character and capacities, to read prayers and sermons, together with the Holy Scriptures, in their meetings on the Lord's Day," &c.

§ 17. It will be seen from Dr. HAZELIUS' Report, that in some districts, church officers were elected by their fellow-members, during his visit, and through him, regularly installed, according to the usages of our Church.

§ 18. In some of the western towns, particularly those bordering on Lake Ontario, the intelligence concerning the desire of the Synod to co-operate with the members and friends of our Church in promoting her prosperity, elicited emphatic expressions of Lutheran zeal and liberality.

§ 19. The Committee had passed an order for the procuring of such books as are used by the members and pupils of our Church, for purposes of instruction and devotion. This was found to be highly beneficial. Dr. HAZELIUS reports that the printed minutes of the Synod, and the documents relative to the institutions under its care, as well as several publications of our Reverend PRESIDENT on the Reformation and the Evangelical Lutheran Church, were received by the people with eagerness, and read with great attention. The Committee have had various other proofs of the importance of a wide circulation of annual Synodical publications.

§ 20. Dr. HAZELIUS' journey, which produced many beneficial results to the cause of our Church, would have been expensive to the Synod, had he not at his own expense, provided the means of conveyance for himself and the Student who accompanied him. And it is but just to state, that instead of drawing for the amount which he was authorized to receive from the Treasurer, he accepted but a very small proportion of the sum which would have been a fair reimbursement.

§ 21. It must be truly gratifying to the Synod to learn, that notwithstanding the zeal which has been manifested among the brethren who rendered Missionary services in the past year, our Missionaries and Visitors, while going forth "to plant Churches and to supply vacancies," have, as appears from respectable evidence, kept in view the principles of our Church and Ministerial Constitution, so that they were never in danger of encroaching upon the Congregations or parochial districts of any Evangelical Lutheran Minister, or interfering with the peculiar affairs and rights of any other christian denomination.

§ 22. The Committee would ask the particular attention of the Synod to the views expressed in the Chairman's Circular to the Committee, dated September 7, 1824, relative to a Missionary plan and appointment, which have been the result of the most serious deliberation. From the document referred to, it will be seen, that a conditional engagement has been made; and that we may expect the services of an individual whose character and qualifications do abundantly justify his appointment as a Missionary of our Church, and Agent of the Committee.

§ 23. The well-wishers of our Lutheran Zion will unquestionably be encouraged by the intelligence, that at the present Session of the Synod, several promising Candidates for the Ministry will make application, and, that some who are now diligent in preparation, will, in the course of one or more years, present themselves as additional laborers in the spiritual field. And the Committee are sure that it will be as interesting as it is unexpected to the Synod to learn, that in various parts of the State of New-York, in a small adjoining district of New-Jersey, and in a portion of Canada, near the State of New-York, the vacant Congregations, old and new, and the places where the people are solicitous to organize Congregations, and where Lutheran Missionaries might be employed to the advantage of religion and the interests of our Church, amount to more than thirty. If properly classified and zealously attended to, these places may furnish employment, and ultimately, an adequate support to a goodly number of pastors. A pious and judicious zeal, unremitting exertion, a willingness to forego many desirable worldly advantages, a warm attachment to the cause of our Church, and a sincere determination, by Divine aid, to become instrumental in bringing souls to Him who is our peace, these are requisites which no Minister of Christ can conscientiously set aside. As a true child of the Father who is in heaven, as an upright servant of the meritorious Mediator Jesus Christ, and, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the preacher of the precious Gospel can be certain of

success—he will thus be a workman that needeth not to be ashamed—his example, his labors, and his whole conversation will bring additional testimony to the solemn and precious declaration of the most zealous Apostle: This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

§ 24. The Committee note with pleasure and gratitude, the generous contributions which some Congregations have made to the Missionary fund. These have given evidence of a zeal which is not confined to individuals or places, but which seeks the welfare and prosperity of the whole Church. The Committee cannot refrain, however, from expressing their regret, that others whose means are acknowledged to be fully adequate, have placed but little into the Treasury of the Ministerium, and have added nothing to the Missionary fund. An annual donation from each Congregation within the bounds of this Synod, however small the sum, would essentially aid in carrying measures into effect, which have no other tendency than to promote the spiritual improvement of those, whose condition is a demand upon our christian affection and active piety. The Committee would therefore fraternally and earnestly entreat those highly favored Congregations who enjoy the blessings of a stated christian ministry, and among whom the word of God dwelleth richly, to remember their needy brethren, and liberally to assist in that work which is far more noble and glorious than mere worldly enterprise, however dignified its supporters or splendid its objects. Under a deep conviction of the importance of united effort, the Committee deem it proper here to quote Resolution VI. of the 27th Synod: “*Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to all the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in this State and Connection, to endeavor to impress upon all the Congregations under their charge and influence, the duty and necessity of making annual collections of money in our Churches, to be exclusively appropriated to Missionary purposes, under the direction of the Synod.*”

§ 25. The Committee acknowledge with sincere thankfulness, the prompt advice and paternal counsel of the Reverend PRESIDENT of the Ministerium. They rejoice that in their official capacity, they have had frequent opportunities of proving their devotion to the same object, which, during a long and interesting period of time, has engaged his talents, his heart, and his hands: the welfare of the Lutheran Church. May he long live to witness its increase and usefulness, assured, that it is the efficient nursery of a pure faith, and of sound religion.

F. C. SCHAEFFER,
F. J. G. UHL,
JOHN R. GOODMAN,
H. BOUCK,
H. F. COX."

Brunswick, Rensselaer Co. }
October 4, 1824. }

On motion of the Rev. G. A. LINTNER, seconded by the Rev. Dr. MAYER, it was

IV. *Resolved*, That the Report of the Committee on Vacant Congregations and Missionary Concerns, be accepted.

On inquiry, whether the Rev. F. W. GEISSENHAINER, who had been appointed the Delegate from this Synod, to attend a meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, at Carlisle, had any report to make, the Delegate *replied*, that he had nothing to report besides the Minutes of the Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, relative to his visit to that body, and he added: "I was received in a friendly manner."

A "Petition" from several members of the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation at Guilderland, Albany County, stating the existence of a difference between the Rev. L. MERKEL and said Congregation, having been *received*, and also, a "protest" and "statement" made by the Rev. L. MERKEL, the Synod, on motion of the Rev. F. G. MAYER, seconded by the Rev. G. A. LINTNER,

V. *Resolved*, That the papers from Guilderland be referred to a Committee of three, with instructions to withdraw, to request the several parties who offered the papers to accompany them, and that the said Committee report this afternoon.

The Reverend PRESIDENT appointed the Rev. Messrs. F. W. GEISSENHAINER, J. R. GOODMAN, and F. G. MAYER, as the Committee.

The *Report* of the Committee on the Hartwick Seminary was *read* by the Rev. G. A. LINTNER, Chairman, and is as follows:

"The Committee appointed by the Synod, "to confer with the Trustees of Hartwick Seminary, on several subjects connected with the interests of said Institution," in submitting their Second Annual

REPORT,

Are happy in being enabled to state, that since the last meeting of the Synod, the affairs of the Institution have continued to progress in a manner which has given entire satisfaction to its friends, and fully answered the public expectations.

The last annual examination of the Academical Students was held on the 25th of August last, in the presence of a member of the Committee and several literary gentlemen who were invited to attend on the occasion. The satisfactory manner in which this examination was conducted, together with its favorable result, have afforded the Committee such evidences, that this Institution deserves every encouragement which its present circumstances require.

On the evening of the 24th of August last, another anniversary of the *Philo-Phronean* Society was publicly celebrated by the Students at the Academy. This interesting exhibition, which was attended by a very numerous and enlightened audience, was conducted in a manner which did honor to the Institution, and the young gentlemen who participated in the exercises.

The whole number of Students regularly admitted and instructed in the Seminary, during the last annual term, amounted to *seventy-one*—*ten* of which have left the Institution at the expiration of the last term, with a view of either prosecuting their studies in some of our higher Institutions, or engaging in such other pursuits as circumstances may dictate.

On the 24th of August last, the day before the Academic Students were to be examined, the Chairman of the Committee had the pleasure of attending an examination of the Students belonging to the theological department of this Institution. The Students which were presented for examination were divided into two classes—the first class, consisting of *five* in number, read a portion of the Greek Testament, and gave exegetical explanations of the passages which they recited. They were also examined in Ecclesiastical History, observing the order in which they received lectures—in Archæology, according to Jahn's Compendium—and in systematic Theology, as arranged by Storr and Platt. Two members of this class recited several passages from the Old Testament in Hebrew, and gave satisfactory evidence of their acquaintance with that language. *Four* which were included in the second class, were examined in the Latin, Greek and German Languages. The individuals composing this class were recently admitted into the Institution, and have hitherto pursued a course of studies preparatory to their theological instruction. This examination, which was the first of this description that was ever held in this Seminary, was conducted under the direction of the Reverend PRINCIPAL and several other Ministers of our Church, who had been requested to attend. From the knowledge which the Committee have derived from the examination, and several other sources which it is not now necessary to mention, they consider themselves authorized to state, that the course of studies prescribed for the Theological Students in this Seminary, is calculated to produce the most favorable result. The system of instruction which has been hitherto pursued,

is no doubt the most perfect which, under the present inconvenient circumstances of the Institution, could possibly be devised. The Students generally seem to be well acquainted with the subjects upon which they have been instructed. They deserve praise for the progress they have already made in these literary pursuits—and considering all the disadvantages under which the Reverend PRINCIPAL has labored, in being obliged to attend to the concerns of both departments, his exertions for the benefit of the Theological Students have certainly been attended with a much greater degree of success than could have been anticipated.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees in 1823, it was unanimously agreed by that body, to offer a loan of 1000 dollars, and grant a donation of 500 dollars to the Trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Hartwick, for the purpose of enabling them to erect a building contiguous to the Academy, to answer the twofold purpose of a house of public worship for the Congregation, and a chapel for the public uses of the Institution—but in consequence of the small number of the Congregation, and the difficulty of raising sufficient funds, the Trustees have hitherto been prevented from prosecuting their design. From circumstances, however, which have come to the knowledge of the Committee, they are led to indulge the hope that the Trustees of said Church will not relinquish their purpose, and that by their persevering exertions, this desirable object may be accomplished at some future period.

A collection of books which were directed to be purchased at the last meeting of the Synod, by a Committee appointed for that purpose, have been received and placed in the Theological Library at Hartwick. In addition to the number of volumes which have been already purchased and transmitted to the Seminary, it is understood that said Committee have ordered the importation of several valuable works, which when received, will add much to the respectability of the Library, and afford the Students many important advantages which they could not enjoy at any former

period. It will probably be recollected, that in their last Annual Report, the Committee recommended an improvement of the Library, as an object of great importance to the theological department of the Institution, and they have now the satisfaction of communicating to the Synod, a knowledge of some of the advantages which have already resulted from the liberal donation of last year. One valuable work which was purchased under the direction of the said Committee, has been introduced into the Seminary as a text book; and several other works are constantly read by the Students, who now have an opportunity of investigating the opinions of different authors, in relation to the several subjects upon which they receive instruction.

The last annual meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the city of Albany, on the 29th of September last. At this meeting, which was attended by the majority of the Committee, several subjects "connected with the interest and welfare of the Institution," were discussed. The establishment of an *Assistant Professorship in Theology*, which was proposed to the Board at its meeting in 1823, was again introduced. Upon this subject, however, the Board have not yet been able fully to determine. It appears that the present state of the funds of the Institution, will not allow of an appropriation sufficient for the support of such an establishment. The Board are, however, willing to allow annual compensation for the services of *Assistant Teachers*, as long as they shall deem it necessary; and they have at their late annual meeting, complied with the recommendation of their PRINCIPAL, by appointing an Assistant Teacher, and granting him a reasonable compensation for his services. In this way, they conceive, that they have in some measure remedied the inconveniences arising from the want of an Assistant Professorship, and afforded the PRINCIPAL all the assistance which the immediate circumstances of the Institution require.

G. A. LINTNER,
F. C. SCHAEFFER,
HENRY F. COX."

Brunswick, Oct. 4, 1824.

On motion of the Rev. A. WACKERHAGEN, seconded by the Rev. Dr. MAYER, it was

VI. *Resolved*, That the Report of the Committee on the Hartwick Seminary be accepted.

The Rev. G. A. LINTNER offered his annual report, as Treasurer of the Ministerium.

On motion of the SECRETARY, seconded by the Rev. A. WACKERHAGEN, it was

VII. *Resolved*, That the TREASURER'S Report and all claims be referred to an Auditing Committee, and that the said Committee report this afternoon.

Whereupon the Reverend PRESIDENT declared the Committee to consist of Rev. Messrs. WACKERHAGEN and UHL, and P. N. BONESTEEL, Esq.

The Rev. Dr. MAYER offered the following Resolution, and the motion being seconded by the Rev. Dr. ENDRESS, the Synod unanimously

VIII. *Resolved*, That the Rev. Messrs. F. C. SCHAEFFER, F. J. G. UHL, and JOHN R. GOODMAN; and H. BOUCK and H. F. Cox, Esqs. be re-appointed as the Committee on Vacant Congregations and Missionary Concerns, until the next Annual Session of the Synod.

The Rev. Dr. MAYER having suggested the propriety of appointing a Delegate to attend the next meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, made a motion to that effect, which was seconded by the Rev. G. B. MILLER—and the Synod

IX. *Resolved*, That a Delegate be appointed to represent this Synod in the next Session of the Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the State of Pennsylvania.

After some conversation on the subject, it was

X. *Resolved*, That the Rev. Dr. P. F. MAYER be the Delegate to the Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania.

In the course of the Session, some of the clerical members presented their

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS,

Showing the number of those who, since the Synod of 1823, were *Baptized, Buried, Confirmed*; and *Admitted to the Lord's Supper*.*

1. Rev. Dr. F. H. QUITMAN, President; Pastor of St. Peter's Church at Rhinebeck; and St. Paul's at Wirtemberg, since September, 1823:

Baptized,	- - -	58
Communicants,	- - -	173

2. Rev. F. C. SCHAEFFER, Secretary; and

3. — F. W. GEISSENHAINER, of the Ev. Luth. Church in the city of New-York, report, including Christ Church and St. Matthew's, since the last Synod:

Baptized, Children,	91	}	92
Adult,	1		
Confirmed,	- - -	-	12
Administered the Lord's Supper to	- - -	-	340

4. Rev. G. A. LINTNER, Treasurer; in the Congregations at Schoharie and Cobleskill, since August, 1823:

Baptized,	- - -	144
Confirmed,	- - -	33
Communicants,	- - -	313

* In presenting these "accounts," it is necessary to observe, that in no case is the number of all the regular members of a Congregation given. No returns are made, specifying the number of members who have been members of other Lutheran Congregations, and during the year, joined the respective Churches from whom reports have been received. Every Pastor has authority to admit such applicants from other denominations as he may deem worthy. It may sometimes occur that members are thus received, who have been previously confirmed in Christian Churches, distinct from the Lutheran Church, and, consequently, are not included in the Annual Reports. In some Congregations the Lord's Supper is administered twice a year; in others, on all the festivals, and even more frequently. The Pastors keep a list of Communicants on each occasion, and before the Session of the Synod, add the numbers on the lists together, and report the whole number in their Annual Accounts. Nevertheless, it has been ascertained, that some of the Congregations in connection with this Synod, consist of 800 confirmed and communicant members; and the average number of pewholders and stated attendants in some Churches, exceeds 800. The exact numerical strength of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the State of New-York, and adjacent parts, cannot be calculated, therefore, from the customary "Annual Accounts."

5. Rev. F. J. G. UHL, Churchtown, from August 31st, 1823, to Sept. 1st, 1824:

Baptized, Children,	118	}	121
Adults,	3		
Communicants,	-	-	129

6. Rev. A. WACKERHAGEN, in different Congregations, from Sept. 1823 to Oct. 1824:

Baptized, Children,	147	}	149
Adults,	2		
Confirmed,	-	-	10
Communicants,	-	-	157
Deaths,	-	-	8

7. Rev. F. G. MAYER, Albany:

Baptized,	-	-	41
Confirmed,	-	-	4
Number of Communicants,	-	-	102
Deaths,	-	-	3

8. Rev. JOHN BACHMAN, Charleston, S. C. since the last Synod:

Baptized,	-	-	65
Confirmed,	-	-	35
Communicants,	-	-	275
Deaths,	-	-	28

9. Rev. P. W. DOMER, Stone Arabia and Johnstown:

Baptized,	-	-	171
Confirmed,	-	-	25
Communicants,	-	-	310

10. Rev. D. HENDRICKS, Saddleriver and Ramapough:

Baptized,	-	-	25
Confirmed,	-	-	51
Communicants,	-	-	133

11. Rev. JOHN R. GOODMAN, in the Congregations at Brunswick, Sandlake and Schaghticoke, from Sept. 1, 1823, to October 1, 1824:

Baptized,	-	-	128
Confirmed,	-	-	31
Communicants,	-	-	242
Deaths,	-	-	13

12. Rev. H. N. POHLMAN, in the Congregations at New-Germantown, German Valley and Sprucerun :

Baptized, Children,	55	}	56
Adult,	1		
Confirmed,	-	-	7
Communicant Members,	-	-	359
Deaths,	-	-	15

13. Rev. F. H. GUENTHER, in the Congregations at Danube, Warren and Columbia :

Baptized,	-	-	89
Communicants,	-	-	22

14. Rev. A. CROWNCE, in the Congregations of St. John's and St. Peter's Churches, Sharon, from October, 1823, to September, 1824 :

Baptized,	-	-	57
Confirmed,	-	-	12
Communicants,	-	-	110
Catechumens,	-	-	34
Burials,	-	-	12

15. Rev. H. MOELLER, and }
 16. — Dr. HAZELIUS, } *Pastoral Visitors* to the Congregations at Summit, Milford, Davenport and Franklin, since the last Synod :

Baptized,	-	-	10
Confirmed,	-	-	28
Administered the Lord's Supper to	-	-	154

No accounts of the number of Baptized, &c. &c. were received from the Congregations under the pastoral care of the

- 17. Rev. Dr. P. F. MAYER, Philadelphia.
- 18. — Dr. E. L. HAZELIUS, Hartwick.
- 19. — W. STARMAN, Waldoborough.
- 20. — L. MERKEL, Guilderland.
- 21. — G. B. MILLER, Canajoharie.

The TREASURER then received the

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Of Churches and Individuals to the Funds of the Ministerium, and to the Missionary Fund, as follows:

<i>From</i>	<i>Through</i>	<i>Minis. Fund.</i>	<i>Miss'y Fund.</i>
St. Paul's Church at Rhinebeck, } and St. Peter's, at Wirtemberg, }	Philip N. Bonesteel, -	3.00	
St. Matthew's Church, New-York,	Joseph Hoxie, - - -	5.00	48.50
Schoharie and Cobleskill, - - -	Nicholas Russell, - -	3.00	13.00
Churchtown, - - - - -	Rev. F. J. G. Uhl, - -	3.00	
Rev. Dr. P. F. Mayer, - - - -	Rev. Dr. P. F. Mayer,	5.00	
Germantown and Livingston, - -	Henry Merck, - - -	2.00	
Albany, - - - - -	Lawrence Hallenbeck,	5.00	
Christ Church, - - - - -	John Good, - - - -	5.00	5.00
Hartwick, - - - - -	Rev. Dr. E. L. Hazelius,	2.00	6.00
Bern, - - - - -	Rev. L. Merkel, - -		6.00
Saddleriver and Ramapough, - -	Rev. D. Hendricks, -	2.00	
Brunswick, Sandlake & Schaghticoke,	Rev. John R. Goodman,	5.00	
Canajoharie, - - - - -	H. F. Cox, - - - -		5.00
New Germantown, German Valley } and Sprucerun, - - - - - }	Rev. H. N. Pohlman, -	5.00	15.00
Columbia, Warren and Danube, -	Jacob Knautz, - - -	3.00	3.00
St. John's and St. Peter's Churches, } Sharon, - - - - - }	John Sternberg, - -	2.00	4.00
		<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>105.50</u>

The Rev. Messrs. UHL, DOMEIER and GOODMAN gave notice, that collections for the Missionary Fund would be made in their Churches, soon after their return from the Synod.

On motion of the Rev. G. A. LINTNER, seconded by the Rev. A. WACKERHAGEN, it was

XI. *Resolved*, That the Synod adjourn to 2 o'clock this afternoon.

At the request of the Rev. PRESIDENT, the Rev. G. A. LINTNER closed the Session with *Prayer*.

Monday, October 4, 1824.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Rev. PRESIDENT designated the Rev. G. B. MILLER, to open the Session with *Prayer*.

Present, all the members who attended the morning Session, with the exception of the Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS.

The Rev. PRESIDENT *announced*, that the Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS had asked permission to commence his homeward journey this afternoon, in consequence of sickness in his family; and that he had been therefore excused from farther attendance at this Session.

The Auditing Committee, through their Chairman, the Rev. A. WACKERHAGEN, *reported*,

That they had diligently attended to the Auditing of the Treasurer's Accounts; that they had compared the vouchers with the same, and found the accounts to be correct, leaving on this day, a balance in the Treasurer's hands,

Belonging to the Ministerial Treasury, \$646.59

“ “ Missionary Fund, - 39.23

From the *Treasurer's Report*, it appears,

That the amount expended within the last year, according to appropriations from the Ministerial Treasury, is \$345.68. The appropriations from the Missionary Fund, amounted to \$107.51.

A motion being made by the Rev. Dr. MAYER, seconded by the Rev. H. N. POHLMAN, it was

XII. *Resolved*, That the Report of the Treasurer, and of the Auditing Committee, be accepted.

The TREASURER having stated in his Report, that a note (amounting with interest to about \$35,) given to a person who had transferred the same to this Synod, and which, though annually included in the accounts of the Treasurer, was, under all circumstances, not likely to be paid, the subject was brought before the Synod, and, it was

On motion of Mr. H. F. Cox, seconded by Mr. JOSEPH HOXIE,

XIII. *Resolved*, That the note and interest due from ——— to this Synod, be relinquished to him, and that the account be expunged from the Treasurer's book.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition and other documents from Guilderland was received, and *read* by the Rev. J. R. GOODMAN, SECRETARY to the Committee.

The Committee had an interview with the Rev. L. MERKEL, Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Congregations at Guilderland and Bern, Albany County, together with Mr. Joseph Wetzel, DELEGATE from Guilderland, and several members of the Congregation, as representatives. As the subject referred to the Committee was brought up in the form of a complaint against the Rev. L. MERKEL, the Committee gave the complainants every opportunity to prove the declarations in their "Petition." Several members of the Congregation, introduced as representatives by the DELEGATE, were examined in the presence of several Lay-members of the Synod. And those who gave evidence on the part of the complainants, were legally qualified by a magistrate, who was a Delegate at this Synod. After a full examination and deliberate consideration of all the facts and documents before the Committee, it was unanimously "*Resolved*, That no cause, not even the most remote, exists, for dissatisfaction toward the Rev. L. MERKEL, a servant whose services are felt and acknowledged."

The Committee had also adopted the following *Resolutions*:

- " 1. That it be recommended to the Congregation at Guilderland, to accede to the proposition of the Rev. L. MERKEL, made on the 27th ult. in his 'Protest' addressed to the President.
- " 2. That should a Clergyman be engaged to preach in the English Language, that he shall be engaged as junior and assistant Clergyman in the said Congregation; and further, he shall be one regularly ordained by this Ministerium.
- " 3. That the Rev. F. G. MAYER, of Albany, be requested to visit the Congregation in Guilderland, to communicate these resolutions thereto, and use his endeavors to the promotion of christian love and charity."

The Report states, that these Resolutions had been communicated to the representatives from Guilderland for their adoption, but that they expressed their non-acceptance thereof.

After a *free discussion*, during which the opinions of clerical and lay members were readily expressed, and respectfully received, the Synod,

On motion of the Rev. A. WACKERHAGEN, seconded by Mr. JOSEPH HOXIE, unanimously

XIV. *Resolved*, That the Report of the Committee on the Petition and other documents from Guilderland, be accepted.

The adoption of the Report confirming the appointment of the Rev. F. G. MAYER to visit the Congregation at Guilderland, for purposes expressed in the 3d Resolution of the Committee, the Rev. F. G. MAYER *gave notice*, that as soon as practicable after the adjournment of the Ministerium, he would proceed to Guilderland.

It was then, on motion of the Rev. J. R. GOODMAN, seconded by the Rev. G. A. LINTNER,

XV. *Resolved*, That the Rev. PRESIDENT be requested to give a charge to the representatives from Guilderland.

Whereupon the Rev. PRESIDENT *seriously admonished* the aforementioned representatives.

The Rev. G. A. LINTNER, adverting to former acts and resolutions of this body, *inquired* whether the Synod or any of the members possessed recent information relative to the plan of a General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, and whether it was probable that such a plan could be carried into full effect.

The Rev. PRESIDENT *replied*, that he had not received any new or official information on the subject, and he expressed it as his opinion, that the plan would not be generally adopted—but he referred to other members of the Synod.

The Rev. Dr. MAYER *rose to state*, that, as far as he possessed any knowledge of the present state and prospects of the “plan” mentioned by the Rev. PRESIDENT and TREASURER, he was induced to believe that it would be abandoned—that, since the first Convention to whom the plan was submitted, and which Convention had been attended by the SECRETARY and himself at Hagerstown, Md. in October, 1820, on behalf of this Synod, great opposition against

the measure had been manifested by a considerable number of the Lutheran Clergymen and Congregations in Pennsylvania—that the Synod of our Church in Pennsylvania had receded from their former Resolution in favor of organizing a General Synod, and that the Conventions which had since been held in reference to the same, were not composed of such a number of Delegates as might be deemed requisite to represent the greater proportion of Synods and Congregations—and, that the “ plan”, as it regards some of its original propositions, was virtually laid aside.

The brethren who had spoken on this subject, as well as several other members, *expressed their desire* to receive some information from the Rev. Dr. ENDRESS, President of the Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pennsylvania, where the formation of a General Synod had excited much interest; and,

The Rev. Dr. ENDRESS *addressed* the Synod, declaring, that though there had been some opposition to the proposed plan of a General Synod, it was far from being abandoned. In various parts of our Church, owing to circumstances which unexpectedly affected the measure, it was deemed proper to postpone it for a time. The Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania is strongly in favor of a General Synod, and, on account of misapprehension among some of the people, declined taking any farther steps. The thing is now better understood. Erroneous opinions are in a great degree removed. Some of the reports which were industriously circulated by men who were not of our Church, and which had awakened suspicion in the minds of many well-disposed members of Lutheran Congregations in Pennsylvania and elsewhere, are now acknowledged to have been unfounded. Individuals who had not approved of the “ plan” when first proposed, have become its zealous supporters. A new Synod was forming among the Lutheran Clergymen and Congregations in Pennsylvania, west of the Susquehannah—the Synod of that respectable section of our Church would be active in the cause of the General Synod. Existing circumstances justify the inference, that the time is not far

distant when nearly all the Lutheran Synods, and the great body of Lutherans in the United States, will sanction and adopt a judicious "plan" of a General Synod. The Rev. Dr. expressed it as his opinion, that in the course of two years a General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America would be established.

No official business remaining before the Synod, a *conversation* on sundry topics ensued. After some time,

The Rev. PRESIDENT *stated* to the Synod, that in consequence of increasing years and bodily infirmities, he found it almost impossible to attend the meetings of the Synod, at any considerable distance from home. He said: should I be spared until the termination of the Synodical Year, I should be happy to see my brethren once more at my house—and I therefore make this request, inviting you to hold your next annual meeting at Rhinebeck. Should I live so long, I shall have many things to say unto you. It was thereupon, with one accord

XVI. *Resolved*, That the next annual meeting of the Synod be held at Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, New-York, in the Congregation under the pastoral care of the Rev. PRESIDENT, *on the first Sunday in September next, namely, on the 4th day of that month.*

The following Resolution was *offered* by the Rev. H. N. POHLMAN, *seconded* by the Rev. A. WACKERHAGEN, and unanimously *adopted* by the Synod.

XVII. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod be offered to the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in this place, through their Pastor, for their kindness and attention to this Synod.

And it was

XVIII. *Resolved*, That the Synod adjourn to the time and place designated in *Resolution XVI.*

The Rev. PRESIDENT *announced* to the clerical and lay-members, that a Ministerial Session would be immediately held at the house of Mr. Conrad, near the Church—and all persons who had applications to make, or business to refer to the Ministerium, were requested to attend at the said house.

Whereupon the Rev. PRESIDENT *expressed his wish and prayer*, that all those who now intended to return to their homes, might arrive in safety, and enjoy peace and prosperity.

The PASTOR of the Church *announced* that Divine worship would commence in the Church to-morrow, at 2, P. M.

Monday, October 4, 1824.
Half past 4, P. M.

SESSION OF THE MINISTERIUM.

Present: the clerical members of the Synod, and the Candidates.

The Rev. F. W. GEISSENHAINER opened the meeting with *Prayer*.

Sundry letters and testimonials were laid before the Ministerium.

No. 1. A Letter from the Church Councils of the Congregations in Sharon, where the Reverend Candidate, A. CROWNCE, has officiated since the last Session of the Ministerium. This communication bears *testimony* to the good conduct, and correct official deportment of Mr. CROWNCE—and *request* is made that he be ordained as Pastor.

No. 2. A Call from the Congregations in Sharon, to the Rev. A. CROWNCE, with the usual conditions and obligations.

No. 3. A Letter from the Congregation at Cicero, Onondaga County, New-York, *expressing* great satisfaction with the labors of Mr. JACOB SENDERLING, who visited them as a Theological Student of Hartwick Seminary, under the direction of the Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS. *Request* is made, that Mr. SENDERLING might, after examination, be licensed to perform the duties of an Evangelical Lutheran Minister, and take charge of that Congregation.

No. 4. A Letter from the Church Council of the Congregation at Summit, Schoharie County, bearing *testimony* to

the satisfactory conduct of Mr. PERRY G. COLE, who has officiated in that Congregation as a Theological Student of Hartwick Seminary, under the direction of the Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS. The Church Council *request* that Mr. COLE may receive license to preach the Gospel, and administer the ordinances in the said Congregation; and they *declare* the readiness of the Congregation to form a connection with this Ministerium, according to the Constitution.

No. 5. A Letter from the Church Council of the Congregation at Davenport, Milford, and Huntsville, in part of Delaware and Otsego Counties, the members of the Lutheran Church in those towns, together with the Congregation at Summit, forming one district, in which Mr. PERRY G. COLE has been engaged in instructing and edifying the people. The letter contains a similar *testimony, request and declaration*, as in No. 4.

The names of Applicants for Examination and License, were also laid before the Ministerium.

JOHN PETER GEORTNER,
CHARLES BRENNER WESSELS,
JACOB SENDERLING, and
PERRY G. COLE,

who had been Students in the Theological Department of Hartwick Seminary; the two former gentlemen having since prosecuted their studies and occasionally preached under the direction of the SECRETARY at New-York. &c.—the two latter having been engaged in like manner, under the direction of the Rev. PRINCIPAL, at Hartwick, &c.

The *testimony* concerning the respective applicants, communicated to the Ministerium, by the PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, and TREASURER, the Rev. MESSRS. WACKERHAGEN, Dr. P. F. MAYER, F. G. MAYER, JOHN R. GOODMAN, &c. and of the Rev. PRINCIPAL of Hartwick Seminary, was such as to justify the admission of the applicants; and, the Ministerium

I. *Resolved*, That Mr. A. CROWNCE, the applicant for Ordination, be invited to attend a *Colloquium* at the Session

of the Ministerium to be held to-morrow at 8, A. M. in this place.

II. *Resolved*, That a Committee of Five be appointed to examine the applicants for License, to-morrow at 8, A. M. in this place.

III. *Resolved*, That the Rev. Messrs. WACKERHAGEN, F. G. MAYER, JOHN R. GOODMAN, F. A. LINTNER, and the SECRETARY, be the Committee to examine the applicants.

The Rev. PRESIDENT *withdrew* on account of indisposition; and the Rev. A. WACKERHAGEN was appointed PRESIDENT *pro tempore*.

The Ministerium was occupied for some time with the consideration of the Rev. F. H. GUENTHER's case. During the interview which that gentleman had with the Ministerium, sundry important circumstances received conscientious attention.

Several *Resolutions* were adopted by the Ministerium in relation to this matter, and Mr. GUENTHER was informed by the PRESIDENT, p. t. that under existing circumstances, the Ministerium could not, consistently, authorize him to officiate as a Candidate for the Ministry. By the same *Resolutions*, the SECRETARY was directed to send an official Letter to the Congregations at Danube, Warren and Columbia, embracing the statement in the said *Resolutions*.

At 6 o'clock it was

VIII. *Resolved*, That the Ministerium adjourn, to meet at this place to-morrow at 10, A. M.

Tuesday, 10, A. M. Oct. 5, 1824.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

Present: all the ordained ministers who attended yesterday.

The Rev. H. N. POHLMAN offered up a *Prayer*.

The *Report* of the Committee appointed to examine the applicants for License, was received.

The Report enumerates the various important branches in which the applicants were examined—declares the result of “a close examination” to have been highly satisfactory—and recommends that the applicants “be licensed as Candidates for the Ministry in our Church.”

The Ministerium unanimously

IX. *Resolved*, That the Report of the Committee on the Examination of Applicants be accepted.

X. *Resolved*, That JOHN P. GEORTNER, JACOB SENDERLING, CHARLES B. WESSELLS, and PERRY G. COLE, be licensed as Candidates for the Christian Ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The Ministerium having been informed that Mr. Geortner had conditionally accepted an appointment as Missionary within the bounds of the Ministerium—that Mr. Senderling would accede to the wishes of the Congregation at Cicero—that Mr. Cole purposed to officiate in the Congregations at Summit, Davenport, &c. and that Mr. Wessells, on account of the sickness of his father in New-York, thought it his duty to remain for the present, in that city or vicinity, it was

XI. *Resolved*, That the Ministerium approve of the proposed arrangement relative to the employment of the Applicants to whom Licenses have been granted.

According to invitation, the Rev. A. CROWNCE appeared in the Ministerium. A *Theological Colloquium* ensued, and subjects of Pastoral duty were also discussed. The Candidate withdrew; and the Ministerium unanimously

XII. *Resolved*, That the licensed Candidate, the Rev. A. CROWNCE, be *ordained* as a *Pastor* in the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

XIII. *Resolved*, That the Ordination take place this day, in the Church, immediately after the Sermon,—that the Candidates receive their License before the Congregation,—that the Ministerium attend the solemnities in the Sanctuary, and unite in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

As it is provided, that at the meetings of the Ministerium, strictly so called, consultations may take place respecting the best methods of discharging ministerial functions, and promoting the spread of evangelical truth and piety, the *attention of the Ministerium was directed* to sundry interesting subjects. *Remarks* were made on the important relation of preacher and hearer—on the great advantages which accrue to a Christian Congregation from a diligent attention to the spiritual wants and improvement of youth—on the utility of judicious liturgic acts, and the propriety of uniformity in conducting the exercises of public worship within the Churches of this communion, agreeably to the existing recommendations of the Church—on the obligation of every Lutheran Pastor to be zealous in requiring attention to the course of religious instruction which is instituted as preparatory to Confirmation—on the influence of evil example and unsound doctrine—on the necessity of constant activity, circumspection, and self-denial in the ministerial office.

The Candidate for Ordination, and the Applicants for License, were *requested* to attend in the Ministerium; whereupon the PRESIDENT *announced* to them the decision of the Ministerium, desiring them to be in readiness at the Church, and, after the solemnities which that decision made necessary, to join the brethren at the Lord's table.

The hour which was appointed for Divine Service being at hand, the Ministerium

XIV. *Resolved*, That this meeting adjourn.

The usual arrangements having been made, the members proceeded to the Church.

ORDINATION, &c.

At 2, P. M. the Ministerium and Congregation engaged in public worship. After the introductory Service, the Rev. Dr. MAYER preached on John 1. 16, 17:—*And of his full-*

ness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

The SECRETARY prayed for a Divine blessing upon the solemn acts and sacred purposes of those who were convened in the house of God.

The Rev. PRESIDENT, though able to attend, was, however, prevented by indisposition from taking his usual share of official duty. The Rev. PRESIDENT of the Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania acted in his stead, and addressed Mr. ADAM CROWNCE, the Candidate, at the altar. The questions were proposed, and, after entering into the solemn engagement required by the principles of our Church, and the fundamental rules of the Ministerium, the Candidate knelt, and by prayer and imposition of hands, was solemnly Ordained to the sacred office of Pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church. In this apostolic act the Rev. PRESIDENT was assisted by some of the elder brethren, and the SECRETARY.

The Applicants for License, namely, J. P. GEORTNER, JACOB SENDERLING, CHARLES B. WESSELLS, and PERRY G. COLE, approached the altar, and the Rev. PRESIDENT QUITMAN, after the usual charge and advice, received their solemn promise, and invoking the blessing of the glorious Head of the Church, gave them License, and admitted them as Candidates for the Ministry, and as members of the Ministerium. The newly ordained Pastor and the four Candidates received the right hand of ministerial fellowship and christian love; and all the clerical brethren drew nigh, offering fraternal and affectionate congratulations.

The Rev. JOHN R. GOODMAN, Pastor of the place, aided by the Rev. Dr. MAYER, proceeded with the eucharistic service, and the Ministerium united in partaking of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Pastor of the place pronounced the concluding prayer, and after the Ministerium and Congregation had sung "the Christian farewell," (Hymn 381,) gave the BENEDICTION.

I certify that the foregoing "Extracts" are taken from a true and faithful account of the transactions of the Synod and Ministerium of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the State of New-York and adjacent parts, convened at Brunswick, Rensselaer County, New-York, October, 1824.

FREDERICK CHRISTIAN SCHAEFFER,

Secretary.